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SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you wish to. We are voting on the committee amendments. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to the bill, Senator Warner. Senator Pappas, were you going to visit with us about it?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Just briefly I will do a little more explanation about the bill and why it is needed. Through the last, ten, fifteen, twenty years, from when the idea of the diagnostic lab was first brought into the state it has never been fully funded or fully developed to the area it should be and it goes back to what I said before, that I don't think the agricultural sector has ever got a first rate billing in regards to the economic impact in the State of Nebraska and the livestock industry, especially the last three, four, five years, has been been bad, has been hard. And this is something that is needed yesterday but we broke it down over a three year period. It is something that the livestock people can benefit from directly and this is one thing I think we should pass as quick as we can and start the program implementation in it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, is this on the bill itself now?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of LB 1034. I was out in the rotunda when the committee amendments were being discussed. I would have liked to have been able to speak to those. The bill as amended by the committee amendments is not necessarily in the best of shape as far as I am concerned. I have stood on